

THIS ISSUE

*Keep up to date with
community happenings
that impact business in
our community*

JEFF SHIPLEY, PRESIDENT & CEO OF SENECA COUNTY CHAMBER

- Valentine's Day Digital Shopper recently released
- Total Solar Eclipse advertising to start
- Newsletters available for these meetings

SARAH DAVIS, IDA DIRECTOR

- Tour of Willard for expression of interest had around 20 people
- MRB expects 4-5 interested parties
- Many on the tour were developers
- Deadline for expression of interest is tomorrow

BOB SHIPLEY, SUPERVISOR

- Special committee meeting for economic development held
- Health Director Scott King has shared the Finger Lakes Christian School is down 1/3 of its students due to viruses
- Many staff are out as well
- School will be closed tomorrow for a thorough cleaning

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

WHY NY'S AMBITIOUS CLIMATE GOALS ARE DRIFTING AWAY

Politico: NY's renewable energy goal being met by 2030 looks less likely; things like COVID and inflation are making that goal harder to reach

9 STATES INCLUDING NY SIGN HEAT PUMP AGREEMENT

The Verge: 9 states have joined to agree to set a 2030 target for having heat pumps make up 65% of HVAC needs for water, etc.; goal for 2040 is 95% (electric would replace gas)

SOLUTION TO NY'S HEALTHCARE CRISIS

USA Today Editorial: A VP of a nursing institution in NY wrote an editorial citing a shortage of healthcare providers across NYS and proposed the solution of making these jobs available to migrants coming in

INSIDE LAMANOT'S PLAN TO GET CT WORKERS TO SUE

CT Insider: Workers working remotely in CT that were working in NY have their taxes paid to NYS. CT is losing the money and urges their residents working for NY companies to sue the state so they can recoup lost tax dollars

THE BELL IS UP

FL Times: The National Women's Hall of Fame bell is back up after being donated by del Lago Resort & Casino; renovations are almost complete

UNIQUE HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP UNVEILED

FL Times: 5 Star Bank and UR Medicine have teamed up to offer a kiosk in a private room at select 5 star locations to offer telemedicine services to customers

HAVE COFFEE WITH SENECA COUNTY SHERIFF

FL Times: March 1st from 9:30-11 a.m. residents can stop by to have coffee with Sheriff Tim Thompson at the Seneca County Law Enforcement Center and receive a tour

SF LIBRARY CREATING A "COLLECTION OF THINGS"

FL Times: Library has received a grant for a "collection of things" and is asking residents for suggestions. These collections are things that people may need to rarely use and instead of spending money on them they can get them at the library (pans, chainsaw, tools, etc.)

SENECA COUNTY FARMS AWARDED \$950K FOR SOIL HEALTH PRACTICES

FL Times: State of NY has granted just under \$1 million to Climate Resilient Farming; Seneca County Farms will get money to plant cover crops and reduce soil loss with best practices



UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY:

- Feb. 13th: 12 p.m.-2p.m.; Northeast College of Health Sciences ribbon cutting ceremony
- Business After Hours Weds. Feb. 21 5-7 p.m. at Hampton Inn, Seneca Falls

MARCH:

- Business After Hours; Generations Bank, March 20, 2024

APRIL:

- April 2; Seneca Falls Acupuncture 5th Anniversary
- April 8; Total Solar Eclipse

Do you know about an event coming up? Let us know!

info@senecachamber.org



JOIN US FOR THE NEXT ONE SENECA MEETING

When: Thursday mornings at 10 a.m.
 Where: Zoom
 Meeting ID: 885 5612 6750
 Password: 974642

Open to members of the community who want to know things that are happening or have something to add to the conversation.

AVE BAUDER, CCE

- Fully moved out of old space; settling into wing of Taylor Brown Hospital
- Best to contact via email for now- not phone
- Planning a ribbon cutting event in the spring

STEVE ZIELINKSKI, SUPERINTENDANT OF SOUTH SENECA SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Sickness is spreading at South Seneca School District but not to the extent of needing to close
- With flu, RSV, and COVID, percentage of absences is watched between the months of December and February, especially with staff shortages
- BOCES program out of Ithaca does a "Collection of Things" program where students have access to cameras, equipment, and other things the school/student may not normally have
- In contact with Senator O'Mara & Assemblyman Palmesano about loss of foundation aid; next steps are to get other groups to advocate
- Talking points created as a way to help people discuss issues surrounding loss of aid
- Transportation facility is being built near middle & high schools in Ovid; student parking lot is closed for the construction

JENNIFER DOMBROWSKI, GM OF FINGER LAKES PREMIUM OUTLETS

- Mall plans to partner with Seneca County Sheriff to host Coffee with a Cop in their substation space
- Substation may also be used for training and recruiting purposes for the Seneca County Sheriff's Department